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[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Taft is entertaining for a few days Miss Christine Marburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore, and two young relatives of the President, Walbridge S. Taft and William Howard Taft, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, of New York.

Mrs. Taft occupied a box at the Belasco this afternoon to see Marlowe and Sothorn in "Macbeth." She had with her Miss Taft, the Belgian Minister's Countess de Guisebert, the Countess de Chamburin and her mother, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Taft presided at a dinner for young people to-night, where there were sixty guests. They were for the most part the younger set to which Miss Taft belongs. Dancing followed the dinner.

**THE CABINET.**  
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Washington, Feb. 11.—The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh have almost entirely removed from the Italian house belonging to Mrs. John B. Hender-

son culled from the Junior League, will appear.

Mrs. Nathaniel S. Reynal gives a dance at the Colony Club on Wednesday evening and earlier in the day Mr. Stuyvesant Fish entertains a large party at luncheon to meet Count Apponyi, at her house in East 75th street. Among the dinner guests last week are those of Mrs. Charles F. Slogman, on Thursday, at her house in Fifth avenue; Mrs. Sidney Dillon Ripley's dinner on Saturday, at her residence in East 72nd street; Mrs. Walter S. Gurrier's dinner on Tuesday night, at her house in Fifth avenue; and Mrs. Hubert Vos's dinner to be held at the studio of her husband, the Dutch-American portrait painter, at Central Park West, to celebrate the birthday of her daughter by her former marriage, and to make formal announcement of Miss Graham's engagement to Jay Gould. The guests will include Lord and Lady Deveraux who return on that morning from Jock Island, where they are now spending their first part of their honeymoon; Mr. and Mrs. George Jay Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, Jr. Lord and Lady Deveraux sail on Saturday next for the Mediterranean.

which Mrs. MacVeagh planned and built as a future home. The real housewarming in the new home will take place next Fri-

Another dinner of the week is that

The Attorney General and Mrs. Wickert as guests the Spanish Minister, and Señora de Riano, Senator Mrs. Crane, Senator and Mrs. Sutherland, Senator and Mrs. Clegg, Senator and Mrs. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. and Mrs. Hennen Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. at her house in Fifth Avenue, for Miss and Mrs. Clegg, Senator and Mrs. Clegg, Harold Freeman is set for February 14, Grace Church. Miss Dickey has selected Miss Janet Townsend for her maid of honor, while her bridesmaids will be Miss and Mrs. Clegg, Senator and Mrs. Clegg, Miss Katherine Tillman, Miss Helen Miller and Miss Mary Shotter, of Savannah. Southgate B. Freeman will be his brother-in-law.

man, Miss Mae Williams and C. C. Glover.

ceremony will be followed by a reception given by Mrs. Charles D. Dickey at her house in East 51st street.

Marriages of the week include that of Robert L. Livingston to Miss Marie Sheed

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Uchida will have guests at dinner on Monday night.

— IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY. —  
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Washington, Feb. 11.—The Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman went to New York a few days' visit, after which they will then return to Washington via Ulton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley entertained at dinner to-night the Italian Ambassador and Marchesa Cusani, the Belgian Minister, and Countess de Buisseret, the Swiss Minister, and Mme. Ritter, Viscountess Benoit d'Azy, wife of the French naval attaché; Miss Alice Preston, of New York; Miss Mary Gwynn, Miss Marion Oliver, Miss Louise Foraker, Prince Koudacheff, Russian chargé d'affaires, Major von Bismarck, German military attaché, Jan Jonkheer de Beaufort, Netherlands attaché; Stephen de Hedry, Austrian attaché; Brigadier General Edwards and Gist Blair.

Senator Kean entertained a number of guests at dinner to-night. The Speaker and Miss Cannon also entertained a dinner party, and Mrs. A. Garrison McClintock had a number of guests at luncheon.

Miss Helen Taft appeared in a new role

in Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Sheely spent a greater part of the winter with their daughter at the Plaza. Robert L. Livingston, a widower, his first wife, who died 802 years ago, having been the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kountze and a daughter of Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas. He left a daughter or two ago for Denver, accompanied by his cousin, the Countess de Laugier-Ville, and by his best man, Archibald B. Palmer, Philadelphia. Miss Florence Sheely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sheely, was her sister's only bridal attendant, and the wedding will be a very quiet affair.

Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Mrs. Pierpont Morgan, Mrs. Edmund J. Baylis, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Frederic J. de Peyster and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry have taken parterre boxes for the special matinee performance of "Königslieder" at the Metropolitan Opera House on Thursday afternoon in aid of that most popular charity, the Seamen's Benefit Society. Its president is Miss Catherine S. Lovett, and its secretary Miss Augusta de Peyster.

Colonel and Lady Sarah Wilson, the latter a sister of the late Lord Randolph Churchill and of the late Duke of Marlborough, and Minnie, Lady Paget, wife of Gen.

young women in society at a Valentine tea, given by St. John's branch of the Junior Auxiliary at the parish hall, across Lafayette Square from the White House. Miss Taft's particular task was to dispose of flowers, and she displayed much business instinct in so doing. Miss Eleanor Parker, Miss Leona Dwyer, Miss Mary McCauley, Miss Margaret Cotton Smith, Miss Webb, Miss Rose Greasley, Miss Marian Crosby and others assisted at the tables.

Representative Richard Wayne Parker entertained the Judiciary Committee of the House at dinner to-night.

Mrs. John Gibbons was hostess at a large tea this afternoon, when her guests met the Dowager Lady Decies, who is her house guest. A number of prominent women assisted her.

Lady Decies and her daughter, the Hon. Mrs. George A. Wilkinson, who is the guest of Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, spent a busy day visiting Mount Vernon, calling at the British Embassy, meeting Mrs. Taft at the White House late this afternoon, and also attending the tea given by Mrs. Gibbons.

Mrs. Cromwell will give a dinner to-morrow night in compliment to Lady Decies and the Hon. Mrs. Wilkinson.

Mrs. L. Z. Leiter will entertain guests at dinner to-morrow night in honor of the Secretary of the Interior, and Mrs. Ballington Booth.

late Paron Stevens, of New York, are due in New York on Thursday evening next to board the Mauretania. Among their fellow passengers are Anthony J. Drexel and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer.

St. Thomas's Church was the scene to-day at noon of the somewhat belated christening of the eight-year-old son of Mrs. William B. Leeds. He received the names of William Bateman Leeds, and his sponsors consisted of J. de Wolfe Carter and of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stiles.

Mrs. J. Allen Townsend gave a small dinner dance last night at her house 11 Madison avenue for her daughter, Miss Viola Townsend. There were about forty in dinner, and about seventy others came at afterward for the dance and supper.

Colonel Sir John Harrington, former British Minister Plenipotentiary in Abyssinia, and Lady Harrington, who have been staying with the latter's mother, Mrs. James McMillan, in Washington, are booked to sail on Saturday next for England. Mr. Ellisha Dyer and her daughter, Miss Laura Swann, leave on Tuesday by the Kronprinz Wilhelm, bound for the French Riviera, and will return in time for the New Year.

**NEW YORK SOCIETY.**

That the season is on the wane and that Lent is two weeks off is shown by the diminishing number of dances, perhaps an indication that not only the debutantes, but also their seniors, who have been out for several years, are in a measure exhausted by the uninterrupted round of gayeties of the present winter. That they no longer enjoy the festivities that still figure in the programme with the same amount of zest and undisturbed good humor as of late is apparent to the most superficial observer, and the arrival of Ash Wednesday will afford them an opportunity not only of taking a much needed rest, but also of treating entertainments to which they are invited as a pleasure instead of a fatiguing matter of business.

As usual, Frederick Townsend Martin sets the ball rolling this week, by one of his large Sturges' dinners at the Plaza, and will follow it to-morrow afternoon by a re-

season.

Mrs. Benjamin Nicoll gives a tea & Wednesday afternoon at her house, in the 50th street, for Miss Ione Page, the fiancée of her son, Courtlandt Nicoll.

Mrs. Herbert Shipman has entirely recovered from her recent attack of scarlet fever, and is once more. She leaves shortly for Washington to stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley.

Colonel and Mrs. William Jay have been issued invitations for a dinner at their residence, in East 72d street, on Tuesday week, and on February 24 Mrs. P. Cooper Hewitt will give a dinner at her house, in Lexington avenue.

St. Valentine's Kettle-drum for the St. maritan Home for the Aged was held yesterday afternoon at St. Mary's. As usual, furnished a number of attractions for the young in the shape of moving pictures, trained dogs, grabbags and booths, where

cipation also at the Plaza, in honor of Count Albert Apponyi, who has been invited to give a large number of invitations which will be assisted in receiving his guests by Mrs. John A. Dix, the wife of the Governor of New York; by Mrs. William J. Gaynor, the wife of the Mayor of New York, and by Mr. Frederick Dent Grant, the general commanding the Department of the East, who spent several years at Vienna as American Minister Plenipotentiary, where he and Mrs. Grant had the opportunity of making the acquaintance of Count Apponyi.

In the evening the Magyar statesman, who has been a member of the Hungarian Cabinet and president of the Hungarian House of Commons, and who is still Privy Councillor of the Emperor, entitled to be addressed as "Your Excellency," will be entertained by Mrs. Vanderbilt at dinner at her house, in Fifth avenue—a dinner for which she has issued more than one hundred and fifty invitations.

The next day will be the Governor of New

candles, flowers, valenines and other trifles were sold. The children's fair was under the direction of Mrs. Richard Irving.

## INFECTED SKINS FOR U. S.

Possible Source of Plague Danger to America in Exported Pelts.

From The London Daily Telegraph.

The following telegram (on the plague) from China was sent by Dr. Christie, of the United Free Church Mission Hospital, to the Medical Officer and China Relief Committee:

"The epidemic is of the most virulent pneumonic form. The low temperature is probably favorable to the activity of the bacillus. However, entry into the lungs through the vitality of the lung tissue due to the extreme cold. The transmission may have been effected either by contact or by the air. The bacillus is the same as that of the bubonic variety. It enters the system through the fleas, and also direct contact, and is spread later through the rats and mice."

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largely in opposition to the Declaration and also to the International Prize Court. The catalogue of chambers of commerce, ship-owners' associations and other bodies which have formally placed themselves on record against it is long and impressive, though a few organizations have declared themselves in favor of it. The grounds of opposition are probably in large part mistaken; in some respects they certainly are. They relate to various features of the Declaration, including those concerning foodstuffs, contraband and the conversion of merchantmen into warships. But they all have to do with British interests, in which it is believed the Declaration would place at a disadvantage.

It must, of course, be recognized that national interests greatly vary, and an arrangement which would be advantageous to one nation might be disadvantageous to another. It is not possible to

the severance of another link with a cherished past.

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**OUR INTEREST IN OUR NEIGHBORS**

The statement is occasionally made that the protracted administration of Porfirio Diaz in Mexico is not merely a political despotism, but an industrial and social despotism as well, and that it is marked with cruelties and injustices which should alienate from it all humane sympathies and cause Americans to regard with encouragement and favor the various attempts which are made from time to time to overthrow it. Such an account of Mexican affairs has frequently been given by Mexican plotters who find asylum in the United States, and also by some American writers, who seem characteristically inclined to exploit scandal, rather than to present convincing views of pertinent matters.

Abuses do exist in Mexico, but we

The chief was somewhat put to it to obey the mandate, and returned it with the indorsement: "Complaint well founded. That's the city prison, commonly called the Tombs."

Missionary—And do you know nothing whatever of religion?

Chief—Well, we got a taste of it when the last missionary was here. —Told us a blade.

The proposed organization of a negro regiment was being discussed at a luncheon table and the possibility that white soldiers and wardens might be compelled to share camp with negro soldiers was held up as a result which "would engender ill feeling and possibly mutiny." An officer of the 71st Regiment who was present said: "We were on duty at Ring Camp last year for two weeks and had on one side of us the 24th United States Infantry and on the other the 16th United States Cavalry, both colored regiments, and there was never a word of ill will heard. They were good neighbors and good soldiers. Our regiment

tear for a beautiful child that woman was hurrying toward a streetcar. The lady caught the child's free hand, which clutched a stick of candy, crying, "Where are you going, my darling?" As she afterward learned, the mother had been seized and released her grip and disappeared in the crowd. It was dark before the lady, with the help of the police, got the child in safety back to his distracted home.

Another timely rescuer was a faithful family coachman in one of our suburbs. One day he was driving a child to school on a playmate of his own little charges being tied toward a wood by a woman he knew was not the child's nurse. He reined up, shouting the child's name and howling vigorous Celtic threats after the figure of the woman who had run off, but to no avail. He cut the bushes. The released captiv explained to the coachman: "S'e was dood—s'e was doing to s'ow me the faywles." That night a band of gypsies decamped from those woods. And the rescuer had won everlasting gratitude from two families. M. B. B.

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